

Minutes, February 10 City Council Meeting

Regular City Council Meeting

Hebron Community Center February 10, 2026, 7:00 pm

Members of Council present were: Mayor Grant Walth, Council President Harvey Tibor, Council Vice President Steve Dittus, Councilman Michael Coots and Kyle Slinkard. Also present: Auditor Erin McCutchan, City Supervisor Chad Stern, City Attorney Scott Solem, Jane Brandt of the Hebron Herald. Visitors present: Library Board President Kathy Engle and Librarian Dawn Perrin-Ramos. Not present: Councilmen James Hong, Ray Torres and City Engineer Jason Gerving.

The regular city council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

January regular meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Coots/Slinkard MCU

January vouchers were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them. Slinkard/Tibor MCU

24993 Bruce Martin	....\$183.27
24994 Chad Stern	.....1,985.86
24995 Craig Engle	.....798.62
24996 Dawn Perrin Ramos	.....1,253.48
24997 Erin McCutchan	.....1,485.61
24998 Jerel Erickson	....438.66
24999 Jesse Engle	.....1,596.8
24500 Keith Redman	....543.66
24500 Aflac	.....611.40
24002 Aflac Dental and Vision	.....840.22
25003 AT&T	.....255.44
25004 City of Dickinson	.....5,922.60
25005 Dakota Community Bank	.....803.00
25006 Farmers Union	.....2,347.59
25007 Ferguson Water5,275.31
25008 Hebron Herald701.84
25009 JP Steel and Supply250.00
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25011 Marco156.74
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25016 Morton Co. Recorder22.00
25017 Morton Co. Treasurer17,680.59
25018 ND Dept. of Health27.00
25019 ND League of Cities280.00
25020 One Call Concepts6.90
25021 Postmaster244.00
25022 Procollect Services1,318.74
25023 Quill477.03
25024 RS Jack & Jill48.48
25025 Runnings225.13
25026 Schneider Bros. Electric203.87
25027 Solem Law1,042.80
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Sub Total78,383.63
Total\$91,595.32

Delinquent water bills were discussed and 5 door tags will be sent out. Auditor McCutchan asked the question as to the option of assessing a resident's water bill to their property when the account is active. McCutchan stated that typically in the past when

delinquent water bills are assessed to the property it is because the property is sitting vacant and with an inactive water account. McCutchan stated that she would like to assess this resident's water bill to the taxes as it has become extremely high due to the water usage and the bill also being consistently past due. Attorney Solem stated that this can be assessed to the property.

There was one building permit for the month of January for an addition and new windows and sliding door.

The police report for January was reviewed.

City Engineer Jason Gerving was not present but had asked Auditor McCutchan to let council know that the rate study was not quite finished at this time but would be ready to review at the March meeting.

Supervisor Chad Stern discussed with council the tire rates at the landfill. Recently the company that the city hires to remove the tires has taken two loads from the landfill. Stern stated he is waiting to see the invoice from the company and then will start tallying the tires coming in to the landfill. In the future Stern should be able to calculate if the city is charging appropriately for tire disposal or if the rates need to be adjusted. Stern discussed the open position for the Assistant City Supervisor and would like to get an ad in the Hebron Herald. Stern discussed a small sink hole that had appeared by the Hebron School. Stern stated it could possibly be from a water leak from a water line that has washed away the soil underneath the street surface. Stern stated he had filled in the hole with sand to ensure the hole does not open up any larger. Stern stated he will keep an eye on the spot in case the soil is washed away again.

The property at 120 S Grove Street was discussed. Attorney Solem stated he had sent out a notice to the property owner about the issues that are areas

of concern for public safety. Building Inspector Craig Engle will coordinate with the owner to address the concerns.

Discussion was held concerning purchasing a garbage truck. The city would be looking at an automated system in the future that requires specific cans that the arm on the truck can pick up, eliminating the need for someone to be physically picking up cans. The cost of the cans will have to be reviewed as well. Stern stated that the city should start looking at a plan to allocate funds for this future purchase.

Librarian Dawn Perrin-Ramos presented council with the year end report for the Hebron Public Library. Perrin-Ramos shared a large collection of information regarding the importance of Libraries in a community. Some of the events that were shared include the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, as well as the Hebron Library being the contact for the Old Red Old Ten Rummage Sale for the Hebron area, the Summer Reading Program and a Cookie Fundraiser that took place in September raising \$120 for the library. The food pantry located in the second level of the library building was discussed. Dawn stated that she assists people when they come in to get food items from the food pantry as it is open during Library hours.

Ordinance 26-01 Amending and Re-Enacting Floodplain Management Regulations within the City of Hebron was reviewed. Attorney Solem stated that the new law that has passed now requires the Floodplain Manager to Certify that the city is following the floodplain ordinance by March 31st of every year. The City Auditor is also the Floodplain Manager and will file the certification. A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 26-01. Dittus/Slinkard MCU.

Discussion was held concerning the sewer rates and how they are set to calculate usage in the utility billing program. Auditor McCutchan stated that while researching rates and the set up in the billing system she became aware that calculations for sewer rates were being averaged in months that do not have residents that are watering grass or gardens. McCutchan stated that many years past she was aware that summer months were calculated differently as many people water lawns and gardens and therefore are not running the same amount of water through the city sewer system. Upon reviewing the set up in the billing software, McCutchan stated that April, May and June were months that were averaging sewer usage, however those months are actually calculating usage from March, April and May,

i.e. April's bill is from March's water usage. McCutchan stated that typically those months are too early for anyone to be watering lawns or gardens and would like to see those taken off the average calculation. Supervisor Stern stated that he will also keep track of hours on the lift station pumps as that can be used to calculate the amount of water running through the city sewer. A motion was made to remove periods 4,5 and 6 from the averaging calculation. Slinkard/Coots MCU.

Auditor McCutchan presented Council with the job description and potential ad for the Assistant City Supervisor. Upon review council stated that a starting dollar amount should be listed to attract potential interested parties. A motion was made to approve listing \$25 per hour and up for full time depending on experience in the ad. Slinkard/Tibor MCU

Auditor McCutchan presented council with the annual financial report to be published in the Hebron Herald. Upon review of the financial report a motion was made to publish the report. Slinkard/Tibor MCU. Auditor McCutchan stated that the County Tax Director had reached out with possible dates for the April Board of Equalization meeting. The dates Tax Director LaFleur would be available on either Tuesday, April 7th or Wednesday, April 15th. McCutchan stated that the regular city council meeting could be moved to either date to coincide with the equalization meeting. The decision was made to hold the annual Board of Equalization meeting on Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 pm and to have the regular city council meeting to follow.

Attorney Solem and Jane Brandt of the Hebron Herald presented information concerning a grant that is available, funding projects supporting local storytelling through art, education, performance, oral history, and public programming. Brandt stated that something for Ft. Sauerkraut could be looked at. Brandt stated that she would like to also take the information to the Hebron Business Club for ideas. Councilman Coots stated that he would also assist in researching the grant.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm. Tibor/Slinkard MCU.

These minutes are being published subject to review and revision by the governing board
Grant Walth
Mayor

Erin McCutchan
Auditor



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
5 p.m.

We invite everyone to stop in, tour our facility, learn about 2025 BMC Boost fertilizer results, enjoy refreshments, and hear about special offers for the 2026 growing season.

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